Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The extension of this road from Narakkal to Vypeen, over a distance of about 6 miles, is estimated to cost not less than Rs. 2,25,000. As, with the available allotment of Rs. 31,000, only about 4 or 5 furlongs of the road can be constructed, it has been decided that the entire question should be re-examined by the next Road Board. The work has therefore been put off.

ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN MAT-ANCHERI, ERNAKULAM AND TRICHUR

45. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state .—

(*a*) the number of accidents that have happened causing injury to men, cattle or both by traffic, vehicular, motor or otherwise, in the years 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115 in Mattancheri, Ernakulam and Trichur ;

(*b*) the number of accidents during the above-mentioned period which have proved fatal ?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*)

Years	*Mattancheri Town*	*Ernakulam Town*	*Trichur Town*
1112	5	18	13
1113	6	13	9
1114	3	4	25
1115	9	5	16

(*b*) 4.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, out of the various figures given, how many accidents were caused due to straying cattle?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* It is not possible for me now to give these figures.

SWEET TODDY TAPPING APPLICATIONS FROM KUNNAMKULAM RANGE

46. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state .—

(*a*) the number of applications received by the Excise authorities for licenses for sweet toddy tapping from Kunnamkulam Excise Range during the first three months of 1116;

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(*b*) how many of them were granted and how many of them were rejected;

(*c*) the maximum number of trees that will be granted for tapping for an individual;

(*d*) the average number of trees granted to one applicant in cases referred to in (*a*)?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise)*:

(*a*) 115 applications were received in all, of which 54 only have been disposed of and the rest are pending enquiry.

(*b*) 17 applications were totally rejected, 19 for additional trees from the existing jaggery licensees were refused and 18 for fresh jaggery licenses were granted.

(*c*) 20 cocoanut trees or 20 palmyras or 10 sagos.

(*d*) 6 sagos and 2 palmyras*.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know Sir, the reasons for rejecting the 17 applications out of 54 disposed of by the Hon'ble Excise Commissioner?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise)*: As we found them to be not *bona fide* applications.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Are they forged ones?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise)*: No, but they were not *bona fide i.e.*, they were put in at the instance of others who were disqualified from obtaining licenses directly by themselves.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know, Sir, why applications for additional trees were rejected by the Government?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise)*: They too were rejected on the same grounds.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: It is stated that the maximum number of trees that are allowed to be tapped are 20 in the case of cocoanut and palmyrah and 10 in the case of sago. But the average given is only 6 in the case of sagos and 2 in the case of palmyras.

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise)*: The applicants do not always ask for the maximum number of trees.

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* The figures furnished in the above answers are for the period ended 24th October 1940/8th Thulam 1116.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* What is the cause in the case of the Kunnamkulam range where only a small number of trees are allowed to be tapped in spite of there being applications for a bigger number?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* The demand was found to be not *bona fide.*

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Suppose the application is for 20 trees and only 10 trees are allowed, how can the question of *mala fides* arise?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* The number is reduced only in the case of subsequent applications.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* How long have the petitions been pending before the Government?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Do Government know that they are not given sufficient time?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* No such complaint.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are Government aware that in some Taluks of the State this jaggery making is an important industry and the restrictions now imposed by the Excise Department will hit hard upon the people who live upon that industry?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* No restrictions have been imposed by the Department.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Out of 54 applications, 17 have been rejected by the Excise Commissioner, *i.e.*, about one-third, and in the case of others only trees at the rate of 6 and 2 are allowed. What more restrictions can there be!

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* In the case of those rejected, invariably it was found that they were made at the instance of persons who were disqualified to obtain licenses themselves,

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ഈ അപേക്ഷകൾ ഒക്കെ എന്നാണ കിട്ടുക?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. രാമൻമേനോൻ: അതു പറയുവാൻ തരമില്ല, കൊടുത്തു കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ അവിടെ വരും.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ലൈസൻസിനുള്ള അപേക്ഷകൾ എന്നാണ കൊടുക്കുക?

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മിസ്റ്റർ എം. രാമൻമേനോൻ: എപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും കൊടുക്കാം.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether there was any enormous delay in the matter of disposal of these petitions?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* They require a detailed enquiry. But no delay is caused. These figures relate to the current year.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are not these licenses given free?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Then, what is the difficulty in granting any number?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* If there are any *bona fide* applicants, their case will be considered.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: സർ, ഒരു വീട്ടിൽ ജ്യേഷ്ഠൻ പുളിങ്കള്ള് ചെത്തുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അനുജന് സ്വന്തം ടാഡി ചെത്തുവാൻ ലൈസൻസ്സ് കൊടുക്കുമോ?

Mr. President: I cannot allow hypothetical questions.

TUTICORIN SALT—INFERIORITY IN QUALITY

47. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is it a fact that the salt supplied to the vendors from the Government Depot at Malippuram are of two kinds (one from Bombay and the other from Tuticorin);

(*b*) are the Government aware that there is a widespread complaint about the very bad quality of the Tuticorin salt;

(*c*) is it a fact that the vendors are compelled to purchase this salt also (according to a fixed ratio), when they give indents for salt;

(*d*) in view of the bad quality of the stuff, will the Government kindly discontinue the practice of getting down salt from Tuticorin;

(*e*) how many years is it since Government began this practice of getting down salt from Tuticorin?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

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